CASPER

WYOMING

GATEWAY

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YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

See the mighty surge of Old Faithful's celebrated eruptions, Crystal geyser, the merry plop plop of the paint pots, and much more in the first and largest National Park (1872).

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GRAND TETON NATIONAL PARK

A portion of the Wyoming Teton Range and Jackson Hole, in an adjoining valley, are included in the 485 square miles of the park. The Tetons rise 3,000 to 7,000 feet above the valley floor. Eleven peaks of over 11,000 feet form part of the majestic landscape.

CASPER'S NORTHWESTERN WYOMING TOUR

When touring Northwestern Wyoming, always keep your camera loaded and ready to shoot from the hip at the many interesting "keepsake" sights all along the way. During your first day's drive, after leaving Casper, you will see Hell's Half Acre, Wind River Canyon (north of Shoshoni), Thermopolis Hot Springs, and the sights at Cody before bedding down for the night. Your next day (and more?) will be spent in Yellowstone Park exploring the magnificent landscapes of timeless beauty. Adjacent to Yellowstone, you will find the majestic Tetons and the historical Jackson Hole Country. Not to be missed is a ride up to 10,446 foot Rendevous Peak on the 2½-mile tramway and the scenic float trip down the Snake River. Leaving the Teton Country, you will cross the Continental Divide and to the Wind River Indian Reservation, the home of the Shoshone and Arapahoe Tribes. Following US 287 and Wyo. 220 you will be driving through "rockhound country" and following many of the historic trails blazed by our pioneers. The last lap of your tour will take you to Independence Rock, the "Register of the Desert"; Devil's Gate; Site of Old Sweetwater Station, Alcova Lake; and back to Casper for rest and relaxation before continuing your vacation.

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BUFFALO BILL CODY

At Cody you will find the Whitney Gallery of Western art highlighting western paintings and sculpture. At the Buffalo Bill Museum you may see Buffalo Bill's personal relics, Indian beadwork, artifacts, and paintings. The Buffalo Bill Village displays Western artifacts and antique cars

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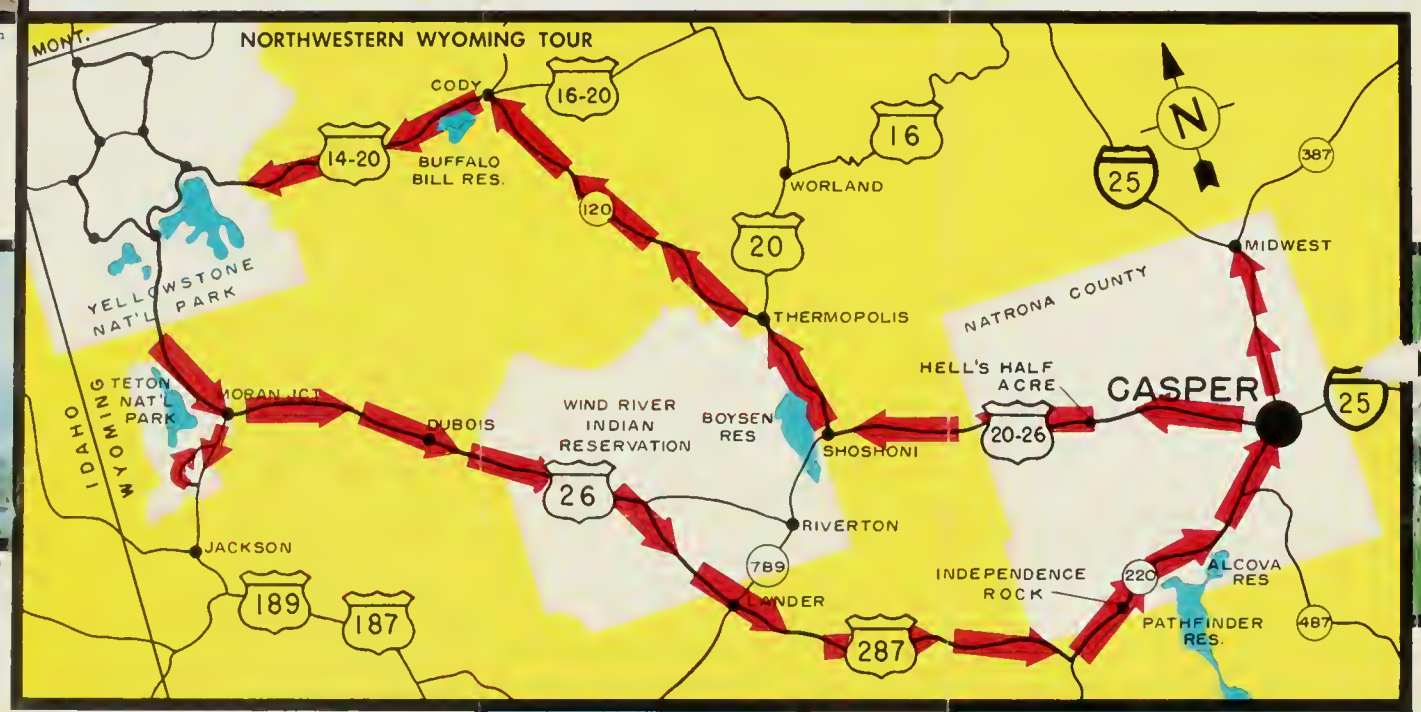
EXCITING CASPER

The Progress City of the Rockies, Casper is a city of cosmopolitan interests and demands. These demands have been answered by the creation of a wide variety of activities, clubs, and public facilities. A Community College, symphony orchestra, ski facilities, three 18-hole golf courses, boat club, literary club, little theatres, and a myriad of other activities constantly are active in the community. More sophisticated places of entertainment, such as dinner clubs, restaurants, and lounges are available in good taste for those who want to use them. A recently completed addition to Natrona County Memorial Hospital continues to rate Casper as a leading regional medical center. The joy of religious life also abounds in Casper with forty-six Protestant Churchs, three Roman Catholic, and one Jewish synagogue located in the city. Frontier and Western Airlines provide approximately 20 flights daily with direct connections to all major cities. If you're looking for authentic Western products—you'll find all this—and more—in exciting Metropolitan Casper, an area of some 50,000 people.



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FISHING

Your car will take you to the water's edge of many of the lakes and streams near Casper. Fishing from shore or from a boat, the angler can test his skill in the well-stocked waters.

INDEPENDENCE ROCK

"The Register of the Desert" for those hardy pioneers who followed the Oregon and Mormon Trails westward. Independence Rock rises 193 feet and its base covers more than 27 acres. This point of interest is located on Wyoming Highway No 220, southwest of Casper. Also near this location is Devil's Gate, an abrupt opening (through a formidable rock formation) which allowed passage of the frontier trails.

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CASPER MOUNTAIN

At 8,200 feet (climbing 3000 feet in 3 miles), this area provides excellent facilities for camping or picnicking in summer and skiing and snow-mobiling in winter. It is just twenty minutes on a paved highway from downtown Casper south on Wolcott St. and Wyo. No. 1301.

Photo by Natrona County Park Board

HOT SPRINGS STATE PARK

Hot springs and terraces in Hot Springs State Park, Thermopolis, is where the world's largest, single, mineral hot spring bubbles 18,600,000 gallons daily from the ground

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CASPER COLLEGE

Casper College is Wyoming's largest community college, and offers a comprehensive educational program as well as a vocational-technical education program to the community and the state. The college is fully accredited by the North Central Association and has an enrollment of 2,200 and 174 full-time faculty and staff members.

Photo by Casper College

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RODEO

Enjoy Wyoming's Biggest August Event, four days and nights of action-packed entertainment and Rodeo. See many World Champion Cowboys, and the nation's best rodeo stock, at the Central Wyoming Fair and Night Rodeo. Be sure to attend this exciting event, which always ends the first Saturday in August.

FORT CASPAR

Just west of the heart of present-day Casper, this restored fort is right out of the Old West. Originally known as the Platte Bridge Station, the name was changed to Fort Caspar in honor of Lt. Caspar Collins who was killed in an Indian massacre on July 26, 1865. It houses Indian artifacts and pioneer relics. From the parade grounds to the barracks, this fort is a view of the Old West as it really was. Photo on Front Cover by Ed Bille

HELL'S HALF ACRE

Here is Central Wyoming's own Grand Canyon, an unusually colorful chasm molded by nature through the centuries. This spectacular view is only a half hour's drive west of Casper on US 20-26.

PLANETARIUM

The Casper Planetarium, the only one of its type in the Northern Rocky Mountain Region, presents various types of family shows, covering many subjects related to astronomy. Check locally about titles and times of shows.

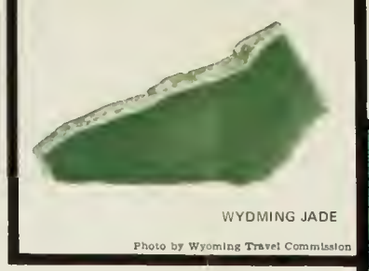
Photo by Rod Robinder

Photo by D & G Enterprises

SALT CREEK OIL FIELD

Black Gold Headquarters is located in and around Midwest, north of Casper, this was the oil field that started, in 1888, the oil boom for Casper ("The Oil Capital of the Rockies") and Natrona county. Also of interest is the Teapot Rock in the same area—from which the Teapot Dome Scandal got its name.

Photo by Leon Campbell



WYOMING JADE

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ROCKHOUNDING

Rockhounds find such fascinating bits of geology as alabaster, onyx, marble, agate, quartz, crystals, fossils, chalcedony, garnet, rhodonite, sapphire, gastroliths, azurite, malachite, bloodstone, ruby, and that wondrous bit of geological history—petrified wood. Pictured is a specimen from some of Wyoming's pure jade!

Photo by Wyoming Travel Commission

GARDEN CREEK FALLS

Garden Creek Falls, located in the center of Rotary Park, plunges a hundred feet over a sheer granite cliff, throwing rainbow-colored spray into the gorge of the canyon. Trails, which cross the stream above and below the falls, provide a spectacular view of Casper and central Wyoming.

SNOWMOBILING

Speeding over the snow, plunging down the drifts and through the woods, the "Snowmobiler" has become a major part of winter recreation. The first snowflake of winter brings joy to the heart of the "Snowmobiler." Crisp cold and deep snow make his paradise, for to him belongs the splendors of the snow kingdom.

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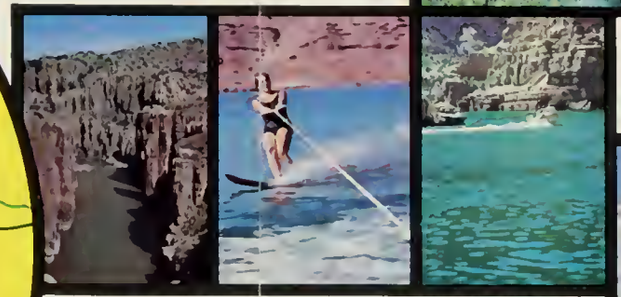

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CASPER — TOUR B

Casper's location is ideal for the many recreational activities provided by the natural environment. The Casper Planetarium located north off I 25 on the Rancho exit or a tour of Casper College will provide many relaxing moments for the family. A short circle drive will take the family to Garden Creek Falls, a cool spot to picnic, or to see deer grazing in their protected habitat along Garden Creek Road. Located at Central Wyoming Fairgrounds, you will find the Pioneer Museum, which is a storehouse of pioneers' clothing, musical instruments, pistols, dishes, and many other artifacts rich in the lore of pioneer days. Just a short distance from the Pioneer Museum is Old Fort Caspar, preserving the rich historical heritage of Wyoming's frontier days.

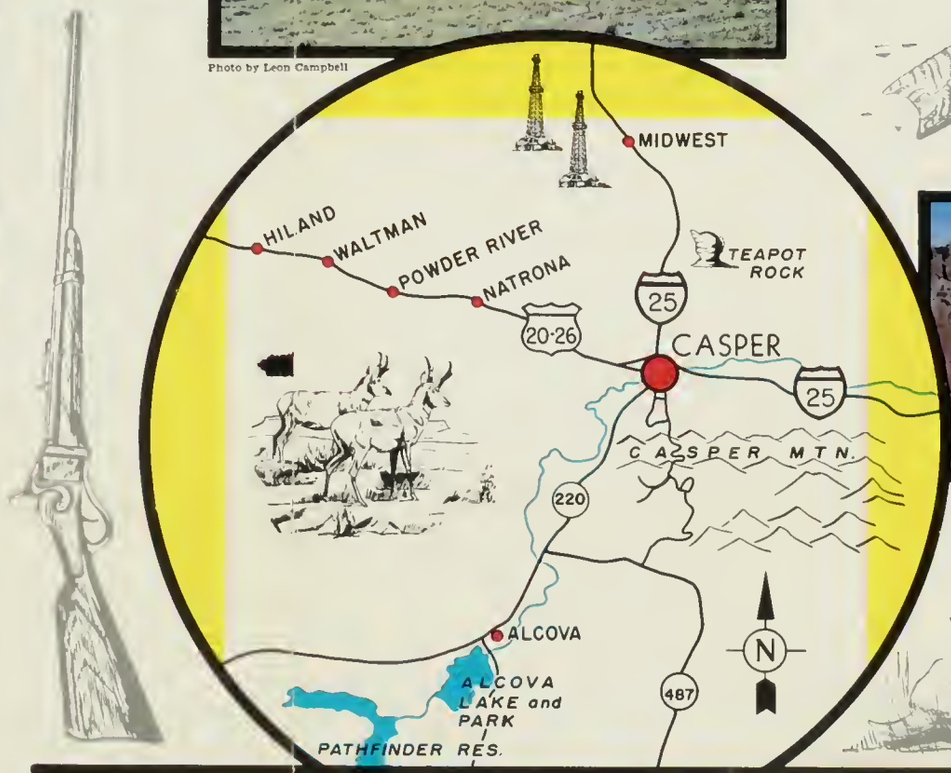
CASPER MOUNTAIN — TOUR C

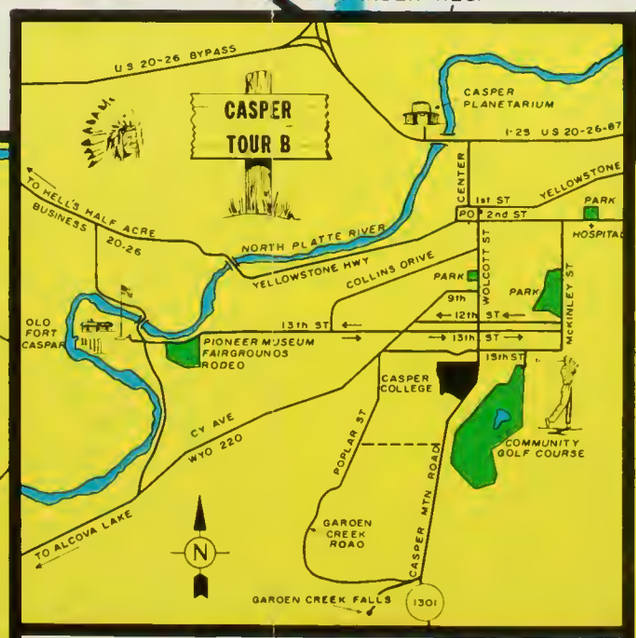
A drive up Casper Mountain on State Highway No. 1301 will prove highly rewarding to the visitor who enjoys a view. From Lookout Point one can see over a hundred miles—from Bessemer mountains on the west, north to Cloud Peak and the Big Horn Mountains, east to the Salt Creek oil fields and sand hills along the valley of the Platte River in an ever-changing panorama of unexcelled beauty.

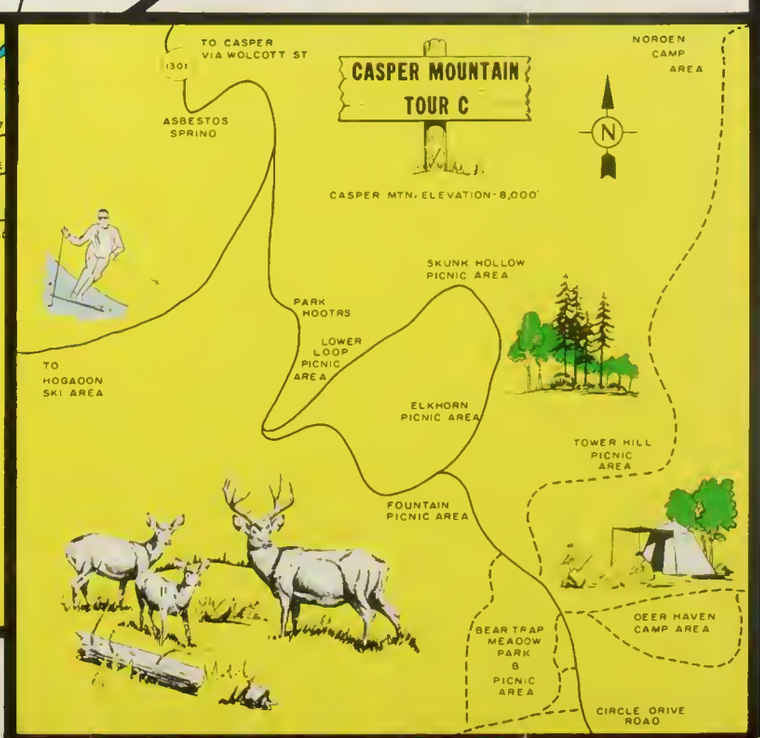
The 600 acres of parks offer basic facilities for camping: shelterhouses, fireplaces, tables, and sanitary facilities. The parks are part of a game refuge, so visitors seldom fail to see wildlife in their natural surroundings.

ALCOVA LAKE PARK—TOUR A

Alcova Lake is a highly developed recreational area with facilities for picnicking, camping, boating, swimming, water skiing, and fishing. The 2500 acre water surface and miles of rugged shoreline provide ample room for recreation-minded people to relax and enjoy the scenic beauty of the desert terrain. A main feature of the lake is Fremont Canyon with its breath-taking sheer cliffs and geologic history. Some 270 million years of geologic time can be viewed on a short boat trip through the Canyon.







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WYOMING RANCHING

Ranching, as it is around Casper and in Wyoming, is more like an adventure in time and space. When you see the West as it is in Wyoming, it takes little imagination to recreate in your mind the West as it was. The cowboys you see are real, not fictional.

CASPER TROOPERS

The Casper Troopers are Wyoming's musical ambassadors. In appearance, the Troopers reflect the "Real West" with authentic reproductions of those uniforms worn by the Ohio cavalry which served Fort Caspar during frontier days. The crossed sabre insignia, cords and tassels on the hats worn by the Troopers are authentic. They were obtained from a stock of Civil War surplus gear. Their uniforms are worn in commemoration of heroic Lt. Caspar Collins who was killed in 1865 during the battle of Platte Bridge Station. Photo of Troopers on cover courtesy of In Wyoming Magazine .

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